

**Informal Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 04, 2008  
Meeting Scheduled Start Time: 10:00 AM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Maricopa County, Arizona  
(and the Boards of Directors of the Flood Control District,  
Library District, Stadium District, Improvement Districts,  
and/or Board of Deposit)**



"The mission of Maricopa County is to provide regional leadership and fiscally responsible, necessary public services to its residents so they can enjoy living in healthy and safe communities"

**Board Members**

Andrew Kunasek, District 3, Chairman  
Max Wilson, District 4, Vice Chairman  
Fulton Brock, District 1  
Don Stapley, District 2  
Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5

**County Manager**

David Smith

**Clerk of the Board**

Fran McCarroll

**Meeting Location**

Supervisors' Auditorium  
205 W. Jefferson  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County Arizona convened in Informal Session at 10:00 AM on Monday, August 04, 2008, in the Supervisors Auditorium with the following members present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3; Fulton Brock, Supervisor District 1; Don Stapley, Supervisor, District 2; Max Wilson, Supervisor, District 4 and Mary Rose Wilcox, Supervisor, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Liz Evans, Minutes Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager, and Victoria Mangiapane, Deputy County Attorney.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL**

##### **1. REDUCING PET EUTHANASIA**

Presentation regarding the Reducing Pet Euthanasia.

*Rodrigo Silva, Assistant County Manager*

(C-79-09-008-P-00)

Dr. Rodrigo Silva recognized a team of various organizations that have partnered with the County. Dr. Silva gave a presentation entitled Saving More Lives and reported on strategies employed by Animal Care and Control designed to reduce the euthanization of adoptable pets.

Supervisor Wilson asked for an update on the financial data for the Uno Por Uno Program. Dr. Silva replied that the program has been funded with donations and the data would be provided to the Board at a later date. Supervisor Wilcox commented that the program has been very successful. Supervisor Wilson asked about the number of rabies cases. Dr. Silva responded that there have had no rabies cases in domestic animals in Maricopa County for several years.

Dr. Silva listed communities that Animal Care and Control now provides services to. David Smith asked what communities still provide field services. Dr. Silva answered that Mesa, Avondale, Peoria and Surprise continue to provide their own field services.

Dr. Silva related new developments in animal licensing that have resulted in more efficient processing without increasing staff. He concluded the presentation by thanking the partners for their input and cooperation.

Supervisor Stapley voiced his appreciation and support for staff and partners. Supervisor Brock commended the presentation and all of the partners. Mr. Brock asked about the Petmobile. Dr. Silva said that the Petmobile is greeted with open arms and every time that it goes out, ten to fifteen pets are adopted.

Supervisor Brock asked Dr. Silva to elaborate on the strategy to focus on a zip code. Dr. Silva said that zip codes are chosen by looking at the number of bites in a zip code by an at-large dog and what the licensing rates are in that zip code. Mr. Brock then asked whether there was a licensing backlog and Dr. Silva replied that the current backlog is now only three days.

Supervisor Brock asked about the program to put microchips in pets. Dr. Silva said the majority of lost pets have no identification at all, not just microchips. Mr. Brock asked whether Animal Care and Control is involved with the Sheriff's program to house pets in jails but Dr. Silva said the Sheriff's program is administered independently.

Supervisor Wilcox shared that when she first started with the County, Animal Care and Control was in very bad shape. She said the department has made significant improvements since then.

Supervisor Wilson wanted to know if a program could be implemented for people looking for a particular breed of dog or cat. Dr. Silva explained that it would take additional resources to implement that type of program within his department but some of their partners do provide those services on a limited basis.

The Chairman commented that he would be interested in the thoughts of the animal welfare community regarding the idea of breed specific legislation.

## **2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vote to convene in Executive Session to consider items on the Executive Agenda dated Monday, August 04, 2008, pursuant to statutory authority listed for each item.

Motion to approve by: Supervisor Stapley, Seconded by: Supervisor Brock  
Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilcox, Wilson

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board